

HOUSE No. 289

By Ms. Story of Amherst, petition of Ellen Story relative to authorizing the State Retirement Board to retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald, a former State Police officer injured in the line of duty. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE RETIREMENT BOARD TO RETIRE ROBERT EMMET FITZGERALD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
2 special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public
3 good, the State Retirement Board is hereby authorized and
4 directed to retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald, a former State Police
5 Officer, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the perfor-
6 mance of his duties as an undercover State Police narcotics
7 officer, is incapacitated from further service as a State Trooper.

8 Robert Emmet Fitzgerald was seriously injured (PTSD) due to
9 his isolation in "B" Troop for two years posing as a heroin addict.
10 Little administrative and professional back up support was avail-
11 able at this time.

12 The annual amount of pension payable to Robert Emmet
13 Fitzgerald shall be fixed in an amount equal to the regular rate of
14 compensation which would have been paid had he continued in
15 service as a State Trooper up to the March 13, 1991 formal notifi-
16 cation of then Secreatry of Public Safety James B. Roche. It will
17 also be retroactive to that date and include health benefits.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.